

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONCERNS

Boo Miller

Prayers and sympathies are extended to Frances Buford and her family on the death of her husband, **Paul Buford Jr.**, who passed away on Monday, March 6, 2023.

Our sympathy is extended Lisa Greer on the death of her mother, **Barbara Simpson**, who passed away on Tuesday February 28, 2023.

MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION FOR PCC: The Presbyterian Community Center has shared that their food pantry shelves are often bare due to the increased demand for items and increased food insecurity. Second Presbyterian is collecting a monthly food item for the PCC. As you do your grocery shopping, consider purchasing some of these extra items for the PCC then drop them off at church in the coat closet.

The Presbyterian Community Center is seeing an increase in homeless individuals visiting the food pantry. Without a home to prepare meals, these individuals need easy open, ready to eat foods such as containers with pop top lids or Pop Tarts. **The food item for the month of March is soups, stews, and chili's. Donations can be left in the coat closet.**

MIDWEEK MANNA HOSTS: We are looking for Midweek Manna hosts for April and May. Our High school girls meet every other Wednesday evening for fellowship, food, and fun, as they discuss life and faith, sometimes while working on a craft. If you are interested in hosting, whether at your house or sponsoring a night out, please reach out TO Ben. Midweek Manna normally runs from 6:30 until 8:00 p.m.

EASTER FLOWER ORDERS: Give Easter Flowers in Memory or Honor of Loved Ones. If you would like to give memorial flowers or celebration flowers for the April 9 Easter services this spring, please use the online order form found on the church website. The cost per plant is \$12.50. Online payments are available on the form, but cash and check will also be accepted.

INTERESTED IN FLOWER ARRANGING FOR WORSHIP?: Join the Second Presbyterian flower arrangers for a workshop Wednesday, March 22nd at 1:00 in the fellowship hall. Kerry McCarty will lead the demonstration and discussion. If anyone wishes to join our team, you will work with experienced arrangers to learn the ropes. Please contact Denise Revercomb (revercomb@cox.net or 540-588-5111) for more information and if you plan to attend.

LIBRARY COLLECTION: The Roanoke City Jail needs gently used paperback books and magazines for their library. The library is one of the most popular and important services offered to inmates allowing them to find constructive ways to pass the time or learn new concepts and ideas while incarcerated. The jail has no budget to purchase books for the library, relying strictly on donations. Second Presbyterian will collect paperback books and magazines for the Jail Library until March 24. Donations may be left in the coat closet. No hardback books can be accepted. Please donate only paperback books and magazines.

The most requested topics include: Celebrity, sports, fashion, and car magazines, Spanish language materials, Bibles and other religious texts; Popular Fiction: James Patterson, Stuart Woods, David Baldacci, etc.; Teen Fantasy: Harry Potter, Rick Riordan, etc.; Adult science fiction and fantasy

THE WEEK AHEAD+

Today, March 12

8:45 AM: Worship Service, Sanctuary
9:45 AM: Sunday School
9:45 AM: Pop-Up Sunday School, Chapel
9:45 AM: Theology of Tolkien Class, Fellowship Hall
11:00 AM: Worship Service with baptism of Bridger Revercomb, Sanctuary/Live Stream
12:00 PM: Annual Meeting
4:00 PM: Winter/Spring Alternative Confirmation Class, Reading Room
5:00 PM: Elder Training, Session Room
5:00 PM: Kids' Fellowship, Fellowship Hall
5:00 PM: Youth Group

Monday, March 13

5:30 PM: Service and Outreach Committee Meeting, Hybrid
6:30 PM: Al Anon & Alateen, Trent Classroom, Reading Room, Library
6:45 PM: Scouts, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, March 14

8:30 AM: Legacy Committee Meeting, Reading Room/Zoom
9:30 AM: Staff Meeting
5:30 PM: Congregational Life Meeting, Zoom

Wednesday, March 15

Preschool Daddy and Me Day
8:05 AM: Preschool Committee Meeting, Session Room/Zoom
12:00 PM: Bulletin Article Deadline
5:15 PM: Finance Committee, Hybrid

Thursday, March 16

Preschool Daddy and Me Day
7:15 AM: Men's Bible Study, Session Room/Zoom
11:00 AM: Women's Bible Study, Session Room/Zoom

Friday, March 17

Saturday, March 18

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Beth-El Farmworker Ministry; Wimauma, FL
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Alice Light, *Director*
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For a list of church Committee Chairs, visit: www.spres.org/about/leadership/

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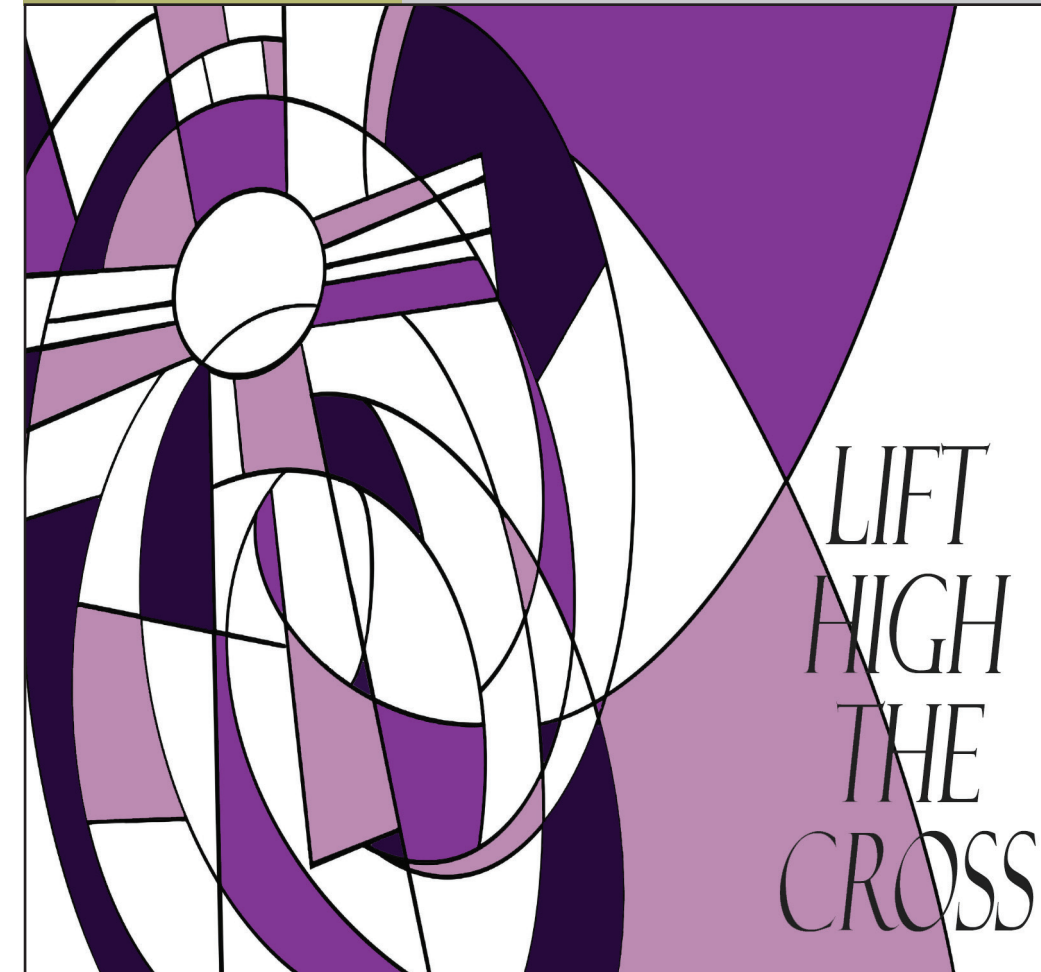
Finding direction by following Jesus.

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Sunday Morning Worship

Early and Late Services

March 12, 2023



PASTORAL STAFF

Dr. George C. Anderson, Senior Pastor

The Rev. Elizabeth N.H. Link, Executive Pastor

The Rev. Benjamin S. Brannan, Associate Pastor for Youth and Young Adults

Large-print copies of services may be requested from an usher.

MEMBERS OF THE SESSION OF SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Elders - Class of 2022

John Johnson
Robert Kulp
Brooke Rosen
Mary Evelyn Russell
Kay Saleeby
John Saunders
Beth Smith
Robert White

Elders - Class of 2023

Aaron Copeland
Helen Dean
Fred Greear
Pat Houghton
Robert Martin
Sally Nichols
Connie Polly
Martha Wheeler

Elders - Class of 2024

Maria Blackshaw
Pattie Clevenger
Nancy Gray
Robin Hobbs
Alice Holman
Kenneth Laughon
Betsy Prillaman
Chrissy Underwood

MARCH 12, 2023

WORSHIP AT 8:45 A.M. AND ON SITE & ONLINE AT 11:00 A.M.
THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Gathering Music *Aria Tranquillo* Antonio Vivaldi

Welcome and Announcements¹
(11:00 A.M.) Minute for Connection Dr. Teri McDowell Ott,
Editor of The Presbyterian Outlook

Prelude *Variations on "Holy Manna"* Raymond H Haan

*Call to Worship
Come, let us sing to the Lord!
**Let us make a joyful noise
to the rock of our salvation!**
Come, let us worship and bow down.
Let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

*Hymn No. 451 *Open My Eyes, That I May See*

Call to Confession
Prayer of Confession
**Living God, whose Spirit is never still, forgive us when we are stuck.
Forgive us when we so yearn for what is past that we fail to notice
the blessings and possibilities of the moment. Free us from regret
for what could have been so we can be more available to what can be.
With the liberation that comes of grace, grant us vision and courage
to be your witnesses in the world.**

In the silence, we continue our prayers.

Assurance of Pardon

*Hymn of Response No. 581 *Gloria Patri*

Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer *Glory to God*, p. 35

Prayer for Illumination

(11:00 A.M.) Sacrament of Baptism - Bridger Revercomb
Presiding Elder- Denise Revercomb
*Hymn of Preparation: No. 487 *These Treasured Children* (vs. 1)
These treasured children present now are bound to us by sacred vow:
with love we make a heartfelt claim to welcome them in Jesus' name.
*Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed *Glory to God p. 35*

*(11:00 A.M.) Children, Worship, & Wonder participants (4k-1st grade)
excused following the baptism.*

Scripture Reading Mark 15:1-15 New Testament p. 823
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Sermon *Lift High the Cross; History Revealed* Rev. Elizabeth N.H. Link

(8:45 A.M.) Hymn No. 829 *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* (vv. 1-2)

(8:45 A.M) Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed
I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the
Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate
was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day
he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on
the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come
to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy
catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

(11:00 A.M) Anthem *None Other Lamb* Craig Courtney
None other Lamb, none other Name; none other Hope in heav'n or earth or sea.
None other hiding place from guilt and shame, none beside Thee.
My faith burns low, my hope burns low; only my heart's desire cries out in me,
By the deep thunder of its want and woe cries out to Thee.
Lord, Thou art life, tho' I be dead, love's fire Thou art, however cold I be.
Nor heav'n have I, nor place to lay my head, nor home but Thee.
None other Lamb.
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Call to Discipleship
Offering^{2**}
Offertory *Largo Cantabile* Antonio Vivaldi
Ritual of Friendship
*(Please sign the Friendship Pad, pass it along to others
in your pew, then return it to center.)*
*Doxology (Hymn No. 606)
*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn No. 543 *God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me*

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude *Postlude in A Minor* R. Mark Otterstad

(11:00 A.M.) Annual Congregational Meeting

**Please stand in body or spirit.*



BULLETIN NOTES

¹**WHY ARE THE PARAMENTS PURPLE?** Purple paraments during Advent and Lent represent times of preparation leading up to Christmas and Easter. During Lent, purple suggests solemnity and penitence as the death and resurrection of Christ draws near. **The season of Lent** is a time of prayer, fasting, and self-examination in preparation for the celebration of the resurrection of the Lord at Easter. It is a period of 40 days — like the flood of Genesis, Moses' and Israel's sojourn in the desert, Elijah's journey to Mount Horeb, Jonah's call to Ninevah to repent and Jesus' time of testing in the wilderness. (The Sundays in Lent are not counted in these 40 days, as every Lord's Day is a celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.)

²**THE OUTREACH OFFERING** for March will support TAP's Sabrina's Place and Super Hero Kids programming. Sabrina's Place is a high-security, supervised visitation and safe exchange service that provides a secure location for supervised visitation sessions and custody exchanges between parents with domestic or sexual violence history or risk. Super Hero Kids is a program focused on helping children who have survived domestic violence. Donations will aid TAP in supporting those in our community who have faced these unimaginable circumstances.

Turkey/Syria Earthquake Relief: The church is collecting separate contributions to help with emergency relief after the devastating earthquake in Turkey. Designated contributions will be sent to CARE for their "Turkey Syria Earthquakes Fund", which provides emergency aid including food, shelter, hygiene kits, and cold weather supplies. **Thus far, \$2,008.00 has been collected.**

THIS SUNDAY

Flowers: The flowers are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Bob Fishburn and Sally Crockett by the family.
*Arranged by Cindy Smith
Baptismal font wreath arranged by Denise Revercomb*

Ushers: (8:45 a.m.) Nancy Gray (Head Usher), Shirley and Biff Fitzpatrick, Nancy Gray and Lee Osborne. (11:00 a.m.) Alice Holman (Head Usher), Carolyn Krisha, Nancy and Jim Pickens.

Greeters: (8:45 a.m.) Elizabeth Vacher. (11:00 a.m.) Rick and Pam Murray.

Technicians: Miranda Moore, Doug Settles.

Children, Worship, & Wonder: "A Woman Anoints Jesus for Burial." Story teller, Lori Privott. Greeter, Morgan Morris. Program Coordinator, Amanda Copeland.